

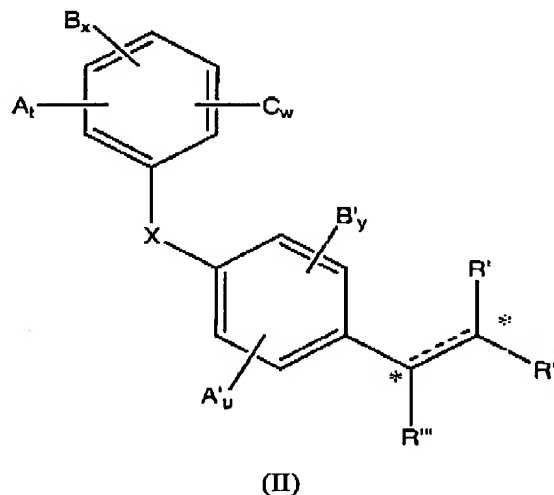
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Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1-26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently amended) A method for lowering blood glucose in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective blood glucose lowering amount of a compound represented by formula II:



wherein stereocenters *, if present, are R or S;
dotted lines indicate that a double bond is absent;
A, A', and C are H;
B and B' are H;
R', R'', and R''' are H or C₁-C₂₀ alkoxy carbonyl;
t, x, y and u represent the integer 2;
w represents the integer 1; and
X=O.

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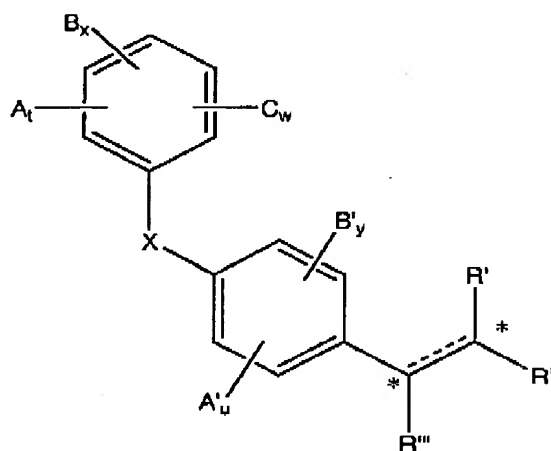
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28-30. (Withdrawn and cancelled).

31-47. (Cancelled).

48. (Currently amended) A method for lowering serum triglyceride in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective serum triglyceride lowering amount of a compound represented by formula II:



(II)

wherein stereocenters *, if present, are R or S;

dotted lines indicate that a double bond is absent;

A, A', and C are H;

B and B' are H;

R', R'', and R''' are independently H or C₁-C₂₀ alkoxycarbonyl;

t, x, y and u represent the integer 2;

w represents the integer 1; and

X = O.

49-50. (Withdrawn and cancelled).

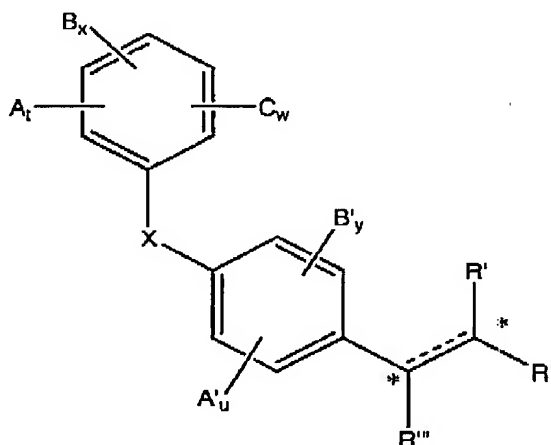
51-67. (Cancelled).

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68. (Currently amended) A method for lowering blood pressure in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective blood pressure lowering amount of a compound represented by formula II:



(II)

wherein stereocenters *, if present, are R or S;

dotted lines indicates that a double bond is absent;

A, A', and C are H;

B and B' are H;

R', R'', and R''' are independently H or C₁-C₂₀ alkoxy carbonyl;

t, x, y and u represent the integer 2;

w represents the integer 1; and

X = O.

69-70. (Withdrawn and cancelled).

71-73. (Cancelled).

74. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein said alkoxy carbonyl is methoxy carbonyl.

75. (Cancelled).

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76. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein said alkoxycarbonyl is methoxycarbonyl.

77. (Cancelled).

78. (Previously presented) The method of claim 68 wherein said alkoxycarbonyl is methoxycarbonyl.